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Local economy is on upswing, bankers note

It may not always be apparent, but the economy in Appomattox County, to a great extent, is a microcosm in which can be found the causes and effects of economic phenomena nationwide.

And, while Appomattox County and Central Virginia as a whole have been hard hit by economic difficulties in recent times, this area is, like the nation, experiencing an economic resurgence which has many area merchants optimistic.

Unemployment and high interest rates are, as stressed many times in the national media, leading causes of economic strife. And in Appomattox County, as in other parts of the state and nation, stable interest rates and decreasing unemployment have triggered a more robust economy.

Marvin House, branch manager of Central Fidelity Bank in Appomattox County, says that "the strengthened work force in this area has as much to do with our economy going up as anything."

More people are working, House continues, so there is more money in the area to be spent for goods and services. "We have noticed an increase in traffic here, both at our teller windows, and in loan demand," House says.

Bill Hunter, president of Farmers National Bank in Appomattox, echoes House's opinion on the importance of the increased local work force.

"One of the most positive signs in the improved economies is that more people are back to work," Hunter says. "I think people are spending more. I know we have had an increased demand for building loans this year, and that is a major indication of a strengthened economy."

Mike Weiss, branch manager and vice president of American Federal Savings and Loan Association in Appomattox, agrees that there is a marked increase in demand for building loans.

"I'm seeing a much improved economy locally," Weiss says. "Mortgage activity is up; particularly, activity is improved on second deeds of trust for improvements to homes."

Like House, Weiss says that there is a marked increase in traffic at his teller windows. "Transactions, including deposits and withdrawals, have increased considerably in recent months," Weiss says. "And people are still managing to tuck away something in their savings accounts."

The economic vitality which is reflected at local financial institutions can be traced to lower, more stable interest rates in that past year, as well as the improved employment situation.

"There's no doubt that the interest rate has helped things pick up," notes Hunter. "While it may not be as low as we'd like to see it, people seem convinced that the rate is stable, and are willing to borrow money at the current rate." Hunter said that the prime rate, as of Tuesday, stood at 11 percent. A year ago, the prime rate was 11.5 percent.

"There has been a tremendous increase in real estate transactions," House adds. "For a couple of years, real estate transactions were down to almost nothing. But that has changed considerably, in large part due to the interest rate situation."

"In a nutshell, people seem more confident in their employment situations, and they are apparently comfortable with the current interest rates," Weiss concludes. "They feel that they will be able to make the payments, so they are willing to seek a loan for a home, a home improvement, a new car, and other items."

Testimonial Dinner

HORACE W. COLEMAN, second from left, outgoing member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and Williams S. Kerr, second from right, outgoing Appomattox County Commonwealth Attorney, were honored at recent dinner hosted by Appomattox County Board of Supervisors at Country Fare Restaurant. Pictured with them are Dr. S. A. Lawson, far left, board member; Mrs. Nancy Long, secretary to Kerr, center was also honored for her work with the Commonwealth Attorney's office, and J. Franklin Vaughan, far right, board member. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Elliott asks locals to share at Christmas

The plea from Mildred Elliott, the Christmas Mother for 1983, is "Share Your Christmas With An Appomattox County Child."

Donatins of clothing, toys, food, and money are needed to help those children and adults who may be less fortunate than others. As the Christmas season approaches, the Christmas Mother and other volunteers who are assisting her eagerly await to hear from area citizens wishing to help them fill the Christmas baskets.

A Christmas project for senior citizens at the Central Virginia Commission on Aging Nutrition Site is to assist the Christmas Mother and other volunteers as they pack those Christmas baskets for Appomattox County families.

The Christmas Mother wishes to share the beauty of "A Christmas Prayer" by Marvin Davis Winsett.

O Lord.....
---Thank Thee for the bounty of thy grace.
---To find the happiness that giving brings.
----To know the joy that giving self fulfills---
To realize anew this Christmas Day
---That the things we keep are those we give away.

---Amen

Emergency farm loans are now available

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by this summer's drought are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) office located in Appomattox, FmHA county supervisor, Aya D. Marshall, said this week.

Appomattox County is one of 75 in Virginia recently named by Secretary of Agriculture John R. Black as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from the drought.

Marshall said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses, or the operating loan needed to continue in business, or $500,000, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate on the first $100,000 borrowed is five percent; interest rate is eight percent on the balance borrowed over that amount. For farmers who can obtain commercial credit but who choose to borrow from FmHA, the interest rate is 13.75 percent.

As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of production to be eligible for an FmHA emergency loan, Marshall said. Farmers participating in the PIK or federal crop insurance programs will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until May 22, 1984, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly carry over into the new farming season, according to Marshall.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are U.S. citizens, and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FmHA office in Courtland Building, Court St., Appomattox, is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bloodmobile visit set

The Bloodmobile will be making a regularly scheduled visit to Appomattox on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m.

Thomas Andrew Goin (Tommy), 21, the son of Thelma and Otis Goin of Appomattox, realizes the importance of donating blood. Tommy, who lost his leg as the result of a hunting accident that occured on Nov. 12, underwent surgery four times from the time of the accidentuntil Nov. 18 when the leg was amputated. The 15 units of blood he received during that time saved his life.

"If that blood had not been available, we would have lost our son," said Mrs. Goin.

Tommy, who has donated blood in past visits, would like to urge young people to "Give a unit of blood if you possibly can, maybe my misfortune will help others see the need of donating blood, especially the young people."

"Tommy has been in good spirits since the accident," said his mother. "He knows it won't be easy, but he is a determined young man."

"If I fall down, I'll just get up again," Tommy told his mother the other day.

"Won't you plan now to give a unit of blood? We need 125 units to meet our quota this visit," commented Mrs. Alice Martin, blood service chairman for Appomattox County.

Tommy Goin

Boys plantation seeks aid

By FRANCES ABBITT

Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. believes "It is better to build boys than to mend men," and because of this belief, the organization is conducting an all-out fund-raising campaign by selling contest tickets for a 1984 Two-door Chevette. The drawing will be held on December 23 at Sunnyview in Halifax.

Sunnyview is a large, rambling house situated on approximately 100 acres of land in Halifax County that has been given to the Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. for use in providing homes for additional boys. A sizable amount is being spent on the renovation of the home to accomodate 14 boys. Plans are underway for moving into the facility in January of 1984. The fund-raising raffle proceeds will go toward the renovation cost after the cost of the car is deducted.

At the present time Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. is providing a Christian home for non-deliquent boys whose natural homes can no longer provide for their needs.

Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. stands as a memorial to the great patriot, Patrick Henry who had 17 children by two marriages.

The boys living at the home are supervised 24 hours, housed in three cottages with 12 boys to a cottage. Christian houseparents live in each facility.

Each boy who is accepted in the home becomes a part of the Plantation family and can continue in the home as long as they need the care. Some situations permit the boy to return to his natural home relatively soon while others remain with the Plantation family until finishing high school.

Sunnyview, located approximately 15 miles from the original site, will be a satellite facility, under direct supervision of the Plantation. The home has on file many, many more applications than they can possible consider handling so the additional facility is necessary if these boys are to be helped.

By having this new cottage located away from the present site, it is believed that the close, caring atmosphere will be maintained whereas if too many boys were located in the same area, those in charge of the cottages might not as easily maintain the close personal relationship with the boys that they now enjoy.

Patrich Henry Boys Plantation, Inc., with Bill Jamerson, of J. E. Jamerson and Sons as chairman of the board of directors, is a non-profit chartiable program operated entirely by voluntary contributins of interested individuals, business concerns, civic organizations, churches, foundations, etc. Contributions are needed to supply about 70 percent of the operating budget.

Tickets for the contest to assist with financing renovation costs of Sunnyview are available at the following locations in the area: Appomattox Rexall Drug Store, Moses Motor Co. Inc., Wilbun's Market, Dixie Blend, Service Station, Webb's Tire Co. Inc., D. S. Nash Construction Co., Lawson Ford, Inc., Oscar Jamerson and Sons, Windy Ridge Market, Red House, Guill's Snack Bar, Central Fidelity Bank, Farmers National Bank,

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C.T. MOSES, JR., (left), sells raffle ticket for Patrick Henry Boys Plantation fund-raising drawing to Appomattox Mayor Ronald C. Spiggle, (right). In the background is the 1984 Chevette to be given away in the drawing which will be held on Dec. 23. Proceeds from contest will go toward renovation of property recently given to the Plantation for use as additional facility to provide Christian homes to boys in need. (Photo by Frances Abbitt)

Food to be distributed here

The Appomattox Department of Social Services will distribute surplus cheese, butter and powdered milk Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The distribution will be at the Appomattox Depot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring a bag or box with you to carry the food.

Recipients of Food Stamps, Aid to Dependent Children and Medicaid will be eligible for the surplus food. Recipients of medicaid must show their Medicaid card for identification.

Recipients of Food Stamps must bring this notice to receive the surplus food.

Surplus food will not be distributed again in December, this is the only time it will be available. It will be distributed on a first come, first-served basis.

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Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

"Another pretty day" has been a frequent greeting when Appomattox friends meet. Adequate rains and mild temperatures have been features thus far into the season. But elsewhere the opposite has prevailed. I repeat, Appomattox is a good place to live.

News item. A Congressman says the government may print paper money in assorted colors. Effort to thwart counterfeiting, says the legislator. I am not too enthusiastic. The "long green" suits me. Paper money in pinks and yellows just will not look right.

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Basketball item. Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, defeated Slippery Rock, 84-73 at Slippery Rock. And a big football item: the Redskins seem headed for the Super Bowl. Game coming up with Dallas Cowboys may decide.

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Brightleaf repeats her thanks for the gifts, visits, prayers of friends during her recent hospitalizaiton and since returning home. She is on the mend and getting out some. To mention just one of many, Mrs. Laura Jones has been a big help, so very efficient in helping with the chores. Her husband, Dillard J., is a veteran and he came by to see some of my hobby collections. Especially liked the sea shells. He was recounting some of the places he visited while in the service.

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December is a famous birthday month, with the 25th the No. One date. Mohammed was born Dec. 12, 570 A.D. Think Johnny Carson is on the December list, too. Plus lots of local people, including yours truly, Dec. 21.

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Good quote from Benjamin Franklin's Poor Richard almanac: "Vessels large may venture more, but little boats should keep near shore."

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Appomattox got to see Santa Claus, thanks to an appearance at ACHS. And everyone is pleased at the way Main Street looks, with its Merry Christmas banner and street decorations. We are in the spirit.

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Eagle eye. A friend dropped by for a visit and noted that the lid of my car's gas tank had been left unclosed. Took care of it.

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A fine State team is at the Appomattox Municipal Building Fridays for folks to see about their driving permits. Got mine renewed Friday. Luckily no cameras were broken when they took my picture. Right many drivers present, some for first issuances.

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With all the crisis situations facing us, let us never forget Pearl Harbor Day.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around. Added note: Our fine Editor, Bill Sherrod, always has a report ready on his favorite sport of fishing.